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Ryan R. Berringer, et al.

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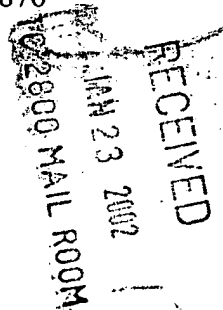
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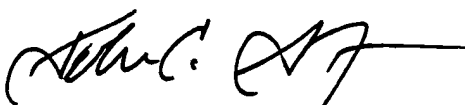
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Dated this 19 day of October, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



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